

Georgia DOT Honored With QBS Award



Pictured from the left: Babs Abubakari, Georgia DOT Director of Consultant Selection; Georgia DOT Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl; Dan Skalsky of Gresham Smith & Partners and past QBSGeorgia chairman; Tom Hruby, of PSI, Inc. and Peter Lyon, current QBSGeorgia chairman and AIA representative.

The Georgia Department of Transportation has received a Qualifications-Based Selection Award from QBSGeorgia.

The Georgia QBS Awards Program, which is modeled after the National QBS Awards Program, honors those agencies or individuals that effectively protect and implement QBS methods to procure engineering services at state and local levels. The awards presentation was made at the recent monthly meeting of the Georgia DOT Board of Directors.

ACEC/Georgia Executive Director Tom Leslie said the Georgia DOT was worthy of recognition for the way the agency has implemented QBS throughout the state.

"They have used great skill and fairness in executing the QBS program," Leslie said. "They even put on a series of seminars to teach local governments how to properly apply QBS."

The Georgia QBS Awards Program is the latest in a series of positive QBS developments in the state over the past several years. In 2004, the state was the recipient of a national QBS grant administered by ACEC. QBSGeorgia leveraged the QBS grant to engage in a grassroots campaign that resulted in the passage of the state's QBS law in 2005.

An additional QBS grant was awarded to QBSGeorgia in 2006 to assist with additional QBS promotional programs throughout the state.

QBSGeorgia is comprised of officials from ACEC/Georgia, the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers, ASCE, AIA, and APWA.

The Georgia DOT will also be nominated to receive a National QBS Award. To learn more about the National QBS Awards Program [click here](#).